

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 9, 11, 14, and 16-38 are pending in this application, with claim 39 being cancelled by this Amendment. Claims 1-4, 9, 11, and 14-39 currently stand rejected, and claims 1, 2, 11, 16-19, 23, 24, 27, 33, 35, 36, and 38 have been amended. Reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-4, 9, 11, and 14-38 are respectfully requested in light of the preceding amendments and following remarks.

Examiner Interview Summary

Applicants thank the Examiner for her time and consideration in conducting the telephonic discussions and emails of September 8-9. During the discussions, the Examiner indicated that the instant application would overcome the present rejections if amended similarly to parent application 10/176,367. Applicants have amended the claims similarly as the claims in 10/176, 367. Particularly, the claims have been amended to recite “each map identifying transport packets and entry points in the transport packets associated with one of the reproduction paths” and “the first navigation unit being separate from each map” as recited in the parent application in accordance with the substance of the interview.

The Examiner further indicated that an additional terminal disclaimer listing co-pending parent application 10/176,367 should be submitted in connection with the instant application in order to overcome a potential double patenting rejection, and Applicants have submitted such a terminal disclaimer.

The Examiner lastly indicated that, in order to overcome rejections under § 101 that may prevent the instant application from issuing, all instances of “computer readable medium” should be amended to “recording medium” throughout the claims. Applicants have amended the claims accordingly and earnestly solicit their allowance.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-4, 9, 11 and 14-39 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Pat Pub 2005/0232111 to Sawabe et al. (“Sawabe”) in view of US Pat 6,181,872 to Yamane et al. (“Yamane”). Applicants respectfully traverse this rejection for the reasons detailed below.

With regard to independent claims 1, 11, 16-19, and 23, Applicants initially note that these claims have been amended to recite “each map identifying **transport packets and entry points in the transport packets associated with one of the reproduction paths.**” Where the Examiner applies PGCI cells of Sawabe to meet the recited “map,” Applicants respectfully submit that the cells do not identify both transport packets and entry points therein associated with one reproduction path. Rather, the cells of Sawabe each identify **video packets associated with different paths/channels, not one reproduction path.** See Sawabe, FIG. 11, elements 220, 10 (cells identifying audio in multi-channel VOB). Thus, Sawabe lacks the features of the “map” as recited in claims 1, 11, 16-19, and 23 as amended.

Applicants further note that the claims have been amended to recite “each map identifying transport packets and entry points in the transport packets associated with one of the reproduction paths” and “the first navigation unit being separate from each map” as recited in parent application 10/176,367. Applicants respectfully submit that neither of Sawabe or Yamane teach, or are applied for teaching, these new claim features introduced by the present Amendment. Thus, Sawabe and Yamane both lack the map and separate first navigation unit as recited in claims 1, 11, 16-19, and 23 as amended.

Yamane does not cure the disclosure and suggestion deficiencies of Sawabe, discussed above. Because Sawabe, alone or in combination with Yamane, fails to teach or suggest each and every feature of claims 1, 11, 16-19, and 23 as amended, these references cannot anticipate or render obvious claims 1, 11, 16-19, or 23. Claims 2-4, 9, 14, 20-22, and 24-39 are allowable at least for depending from an allowable base claim. Withdrawal of the rejection to claims 1-4, 9, 11, 14, and 16-38 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

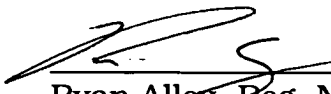

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments and remarks, reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of each of claims pending in this application is earnestly solicited.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Ryan Alley at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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